

# Daisy Ashford

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**Daisy Ashford**, full name **Margaret Mary Julia Ashford** (1881-1972) was an English writer who is most famous for writing *The Young Visitors, or, Mister Salteena's Plan* (ISBN 0-89733-365-9), a novella parodying the upper class society of late 19th century England, when she was just nine years old. The novella was published in 1919 with a foreword by J.M. Barrie and remains in print in the United Kingdom to this day.

Ashford's name was also sometimes used as a way to criticize adult authors of the 1920s if their style was deemed too childish or naïve; Edmund Wilson referred to the novel *This Side of Paradise* by his friend F. Scott Fitzgerald as "a classic in a class with *The Young Visitors*."

Ashford wrote one other short novel, *The*

*Hangman's Daughter*, as well as several short stories. She stopped writing as a teenager.

## See also

- Child prodigy
- East Dulwich

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- *The Young Visitors* online
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